

36th Engineer Brigade Welcomes New Soldiers

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On May 1st the 36th Engineer Brigade received new Soldiers and welcomed them at the 19th Street Chapel. At the chapel the Brigade Commander, COL Kent Savre, took the time to talk to the new Soldiers about the unit's history, organization, vision, and command philosophy.

The 36th Engineer Brigade has served with distinction in almost every major conflict our country has fought; including: World War II, the Korean War, the Gulf War, OIF, and OEF. In WWII, then the 36th Engineer Regiment, did five amphibious assault landings in the Algeria-French Morocco, in Sicily, in Naples Foggia, at Anzio, in Southern France; all while breaching obstacles and clearing the beaches for follow on troops. In Korean, the unit earned three Unit Citations, two Meritorious Unit Citations and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. In total the 36th has earned 24 Battle Streamers, all displayed on the colors; nine from WWII, nine from the Korean War, and two each from the 1st Gulf War, OIF, and OEF.

The commander also committed on his vision for the brigade as “the Army’s premier engineer brigade...a trained, ready and adaptive modular force...respected and valued team members...providing sustained engineer support across the full spectrum of military operations to any command in any theater.”

He also committed on his command philosophy of 1) Mission First: sustain our reputation through a customer-focused culture, professional leadership, highly trained Soldiers and well-maintained equipment, 2) People Always: provide for the welfare, safety, and professional development of Soldiers, 3) A Team of Teams: work toward a common goal – exceptional mission support, and 4) Soldier Expectations: know, understand, and meet the standards.

COL Savre also traded patches with the youngest Soldier (17 years old). He recalled the history and traditions of the current patch the brigade wears today, the same patch that Soldiers from WWII wore.



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COL Savre introduces new Soldiers to the Brigades Family Readiness Group Leader, Mrs Wendy Glazener



COL Savre introduces new Soldiers to the Brigade Safety Officer, Mr Tom Howes